Criteria for central university status

1437.SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure and the criteria for giving Central University status to a State university;

(b) the details of the universities which were recommended by Uttarakhand Government for grant of Central University status;

(c) the reasons for giving HNB Garhwal University, a Central University status, whereas the Kumaon University also fulfilled the criteria;

(d) whether Government is aware of the mass public movement going on in the Kumaon region for grant of Central University status to Kumaon University; and

(e) if so, whether Government is considering this demand and if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir, There is no criteria prescribed for grant of Central University status to a State University.

(b) and (c) The Government of Uttarakhand had requested Central University status to Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar; Kumaon University, Nainital; and Doon University, Dehradun. Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University being the largest among the three has been proposed for conversion to a Central University.

(d) and (e) Owing to resource constraints the Government has decided to provide only one Central University in each uncovered State, including Uttarakhand.

Unrecognised private junior colleges for IITs

1438.SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the existence of about 8000 unrecognised private junior colleges for IIT training in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is aware of the existence of such colleges in other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government has proposed to take in respect of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) It is reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh that some of the recognized private junior colleges, affiliated to the Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, besides their regular higher secondary level teaching, are also providing parallel coaching for Joint Entrance Examination of IIT (IIT-JEE). Apart from this, there are some stand-alone coaching centres which are not affiliated to any of the Boards and do not provide any regular higher secondary education, but do provide coaching for the Joint Entrance Examination of IIT. It is also understood that similar institutions may also be functioning in other States.

As of now there is no law or regulation for regulating the functioning of the coaching centres.